

Year 6 Art & Design Knowledge Organiser Autumn

Drawing: Make My Voice Heard



Mural creator based in New York. He showcases central American patterns in his work.



Chiaroscuro

Chiaroscuro is an Italian word meaning light and dark. A drawing, painting or photograph is described as using chiaroscuro when dramatic light and shade is the main feature of the image. It is used to make something on a flat surface look more three-dimensional.



Maya art



Key Vocabulary

Aesthetic	As an adjective, it describes something that is pleasing to look at
Commissioned	When someone is asked to create a piece of art
Interpretation	How the meaning of an image is understood
Mural	A painting made directly on a wall or other permanent structure
Symbolic	Conveying a message using symbols
Tone	How light or dark something is

Knowledge



Mark Making

- Mark making is an expressive technique.
- Different effects are created when drawing on different surfaces.
- A 'monochromatic' artwork uses tints and shades of just one colour.



Symbolic Imagery

- Colours can be symbolic and have meanings that vary according to your culture or background, e.g. red for danger or for celebration
- Artists can use symbols in their artwork to convey meaning.
- Art can be a form of protest.



Chiaroscuro

- Artists use this tonal technique to create dramatic light and shade when drawing or painting.
- Charcoal can be used to create chiaroscuro effects.



Street Art

- Sometimes artists add extra meaning to what they create by working in places where they don't have permission to work.
- Sometimes people make art to express their views and opinions, which can be political or topical.
- Artists use art to tell stories about things that are important to them; looking at artworks from the past can reveal thoughts and opinions from that time.



Powerful Imagery

- Art can represent abstract concepts, like memories and experiences.
- Everyone has a unique way of experiencing art. Art can be interpreted in different ways.

Graffiti



Graffiti is used to describe spray-painted words and images that appear on property without permission. It is illegal to graffiti on private and public property.

Guerrilla art



Guerrilla art is similar to graffiti because it is often produced without permission. It usually appears unannounced in unusual places and can have a controversial message.

Mural



A mural is a large painting that may cover a wall. Artists are usually commissioned to paint them.